



STANDING ON THE PROMISES *of* GOD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

ST THOMAS' CATHEDRAL CNI, MAY 2nd, 2021, 8:45 am

ONLINE SERVICE: ZOOM

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Hymn

1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

Call to Worship

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.
The road between fear and hope,
**the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!
**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

Collect

O Almighty God who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men Grant unto thy people that they may love things which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: Job 19:21-27

- ²¹ Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.
²² Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?
²³ Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book!
²⁴ That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
²⁶ and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another;

Epistle: St James 1:17-21

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: ²⁰ for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. ²¹ Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Responsive Psalm 30: 4-12

- ⁴ Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,
and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
⁵ **For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life:
weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.**
⁶ And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
⁷ **LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong:
thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.**
⁸ I cried to thee, O LORD;
and unto the LORD I made supplication.
⁹ **What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?**
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, be thou my helper.
¹¹ **Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;**
¹² to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Gospel: John 16:5-15

⁵ But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, whither goest thou? ⁶ But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. ¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show *it* unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show *it* unto you.

Apostle Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rev Avinash Rangayya: **Sermon**

The Sharing of Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **And also with you**

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Litany

Let us pray
For physicians, nurses and caretakers,
Risking themselves to care for others,
God, **have mercy on them.**

For those who are chronically ill, isolated and at the margins,
Exhausted by the relentless pandemic,
God, **have mercy on them.**

For the grocery clerks, teachers and laborers,
Exposed to illness as they do their work,
Christ, **have mercy on them.**

For servers, construction workers, and many more.
For those unemployed or unable to work,
all of them struggling to meet their needs and the needs of their families,
Christ, **have mercy on them.**

For all of us, each person in our own situation,
weathering the storm of the pandemic and waves of anxiety,
Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

For all of us, each one in our own way,
reaching out, doing the good we can and waiting in hope,
Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Hymn

1 Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;

Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3 Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Benediction

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Now may the Blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord
All: In the Name of Christ Amen

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